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We draw your attention to the advt. on back page in regard to our October number. All advts. must be in by the 5th or it will be too late for that number.

We have prepared a fraud list but owing to lack of space we are unable to publish it. It will appear in the October number.

Have you secured your advt. space in the October number. Space is being taken up rapidly. We have a few pages left to be disposed of.

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REVIEW.

Conducted by G. Campbell Keith, Smith's Falls, Ont.

The following magazines were received this month:—

The Adhesive, Vol. I, No. 7—Stray Notes on Sheets of Stamps. * Lou O'Brosie. * Shirley E. Moisant. Across our Albums. Do Postmark Cancellations add Value? From an old Report.

The Alleghany Philatelist, Vol. VII, No. 35—The Joys of Stamp Collecting.

The Exchange, Vol. 1, Nos. 5 and 6—Old vs. New Issues. New vs. Issues.

The Ohio Philatelist, Vol. II, Nos. 4 and 5 A Mysterious Robbery.

The Perforator, Vol. XVII, No 2—Stamps Retrospective aud Prospective. History of P. S. of A.

Philatelic Spectator, Vol. II, No. 6—The Popularity of View Cards. * Means cuts and sketch.

The Adhesive contains this No. the emblem of the I.O.P.K.

The only stamp news in the Alleghany Philatelist this number is "The Joys of Stamp Collecting' taken from the Adhesive.

This number of the Exchange contains variety. These are the articles it contains: Old vs. New Issues and New vs. Old Issues. However they are good.

G. C. KEITH.

RANDOM NOTES.

(BY HENRY A. CHAPMAN.)

When a person copies from another Journal without credit he should be sure of what he is doing or he is apt to appear ridiculous. A case in point is that of where "The Metropolitan Philatelist" spoke in on place (probably unintentionally) of a pre-cancelled stamp as from Moline, Ind., and in the same article had it Moline, Ill. This list has been made use of aud both appear. But there is no such place as Moline, Ind., and it is very doubtful if any such cancellation exists. Persons appropriating other peoples' knowledge are often tripped up in this manner.

Funny but True.—Within a few months I have been asked the reason of the changing of the name of British South Africa to Rhodesia. Of course most people know it has been called Rhodesia after Cecil Rhodes, although it is hard work to find out from cyclopedic authorities. One collector, who, like myself, went to school when Van Diemen's land was the proper thing, could not tell from what cause the name Tasmania eriginated from. This seems inexcusable.

How to use Hinges—There is a knack in putting hinges on stamps correctly. Yours truly at first made a mess of it but after a while "caught on" and folded his hinge first and did the licking afterwards. The following by brother Jenney is pertinent: "It is astonishing how many collectors do not know how to use a stamp hinge. It always disgusts and irritates me to see a collector take up a hinge, lick sbout two-thirds of it, attach it to the stamp and then bend it, sticking up his fingers and making a mess of it. Always bend your hinge first, calculating whether you want more or less than half of it to adhere to the stamp, then moisten the part that goes on the stamp, affix, then moisten the other part and attach to album or sheet."

Very Consistent.—One of my very particular friends has begun to kick a gentle kick for he's not very large—against the Pan-American stamps which are expected bye and bye. This individual did the same thing before the Omahas came out—didn't want to know how denominations there were to be and hoped he never would see them. Well, when they did come out he wanted them all and made a fuss if Omahas were not used on letters to him and if the letter took doub'e postage "be sure and put on either a 4c or four 1c." He was also very consistent in other requests, but the above is enough to show the reasonableness of some "non-speculative collectors" Hs publishers are flooded with 2c stamps for subscriptions it is unreasable to expect them to be careful in their postage.

The Female Collector.—Quite a lengthy stampic article appeared in the New York Evening Post a short time since. The writer apparently (perhaps he was bluffing) was not aware of the numerical importance of lady collectors. Within a dozen miles of my home are several philatelic ladies, at least two of whom as far as knowledge goes and as "bureau's of information" I would pit against any male philatelist in Christendom (or in heather lands.) The Post man is rather unjust to the boys in saying that girls are preterable as clerks, being more trustworthy. There is no doubt in my mind that females are the best in the matter of starting stamps, because more patient and it requires patience. Here are a few quotations: "Possibly the collecting mania or instinct is stronger with boys than girls, for most boys collect stamps as they have the mumps or measles, but the girl collector is more rare, although not by any means entirely unknown." "The stamp business is well adapted to women. There is always a chance for finding overlooked rare stamps in purchased collections or among old and castaway letter frequently offered to dealers."

NOTES AND NOTED.

(BY AMY L. SWIFT.)

It's queer what a wee thing it takes to mystify a man. By the last number of THE JUBILEE I learn that he—more than one of him in fact - is greatly exercised to know why ladies are apt to pen their letters from the first page of the sheet to the third, then vertically across the second, closing on the fourth, supposing the letter closes properly. We'll try to ease the bewildered curiousity of these dense minded gentlemen. It is presumed that the custom originated abroad where very heavy writing is in favor; the ink flowed so freely that the lines were still wet when the page was filled, thererefore to save the trouble and danger of using a blotter the writer held up the page with one hand and continued on the third page. The next page (second) was written vertically in order that the reader might see at a glance it was not the second in order of writing. Then or course the fourth was used to close, the still wet, lastly written page, thus not needing to be laid face down. The form isn't custom, nor yet "mere habi" we have a reason for it. Feel any better now, gentlemen?

Another thing I have noticed in recent issues of this journal is the talk about our "capped" 2c 1890. Mr. Peltz is undoubtedly correct in claiming that the variety with cap on the right figure is the rarest of the three forms, but a gentleman who has specialized in U. S. issues for eight or ten years, collecting nothing else, tells me he does not believe there is really any such variety. He has exceptionally good opportunities for obtaining common values and has examined thousands upon thousands without finding a single specimen with the properly shaped cap in the proper position as shown on the left figure and on both figures. He had a full page of stamps where the right figure was marked with a blue blotch of some sort, but come to examine them closely not one had a properly formed "cap" in exactly the right position, although in some cases the variation was small. Other advanced specialists have often told me the same thing, adding that perhaps the reason Scott has left that variety unpriced is because there is doubt about its existing. These folks are wiser than I dare claim to be and have opportunities many of us lack, so I give their opinions without comment.

It is rather inconsistent of Scott not to have listed the capped 2c envelopes since he admitted the capped adhesives to the sacred shade of the catalogue. The capped envelopes are as distinct a variety as are the capped adhesives and a good deal scarcer. They are found on the 2c green; I cannot say on how many papers, but I have seen them on the white, the amber and the buff.

The assassination of Italy's ruler puts a new man at the government helm. Of course that means a new stamp issue very soon.

STAMPAGRAPLETS.

(BY A. LLOYD JONES.)

Now we have two Stampic Americas. (?)

Nuisma is still making splinters fly.

And yet stamp auctions are not entirely over.

Philatelic debates seem to be occurring frequently.

New Zealand is zealously putting forth new issues.

Pre-cancelled stamps are quite popular all at once.

It is said the 1d English stamp was changed to green to pacify the Irish.

Some little changes were made in the second lot of the U. S. oiled paper stamp booklets.

Those expected African war provisionals are now coming to the front.

The next in new stamps will probably be something from China.

Several countries have come down hard on stamp illustrating.

War stamps are being issued by several British colonies.

There will be but a very few more private proprietary stamps issued in the United States.

Stamp speculation at present is noticeably not as rife as at one time.

France started out on her colonies by giving French Congo a whole picture gallery.

Wonder if the next Stampman will have a department conducted by the Associate Editor.

Philatelists long ago knew there was "something rotten in the state of Denma—" no, I mean Cuba.

Parcels-post conventions have been established between the United States and many foreign countries.

Willard O. Wylie is writing considerable good stamp stuff for various philatelic publications.

The Perforator would be better if it would change its rates of advertisements and articles.

Postal notes are quite popular in Canada. Why doesn't Uncle Sam issue some?

Well, don't you think that "Agana" on Guam stamps is but a cancellation, not a surcharge?

Wonder why Jewett didn't install his new issue as associate editor of the Era.

Who says Uncle Sammy is not up-to-date, when he pictures chainless bicycles and automobiles on his stamps.

The International Exposition at Paris opened some time ago but, more important, the Philatelic Exhibition will open August 28th.

Grant's Monthly Philatelist is the leader among new philatelic magazines, and excels many of the old ones.

Judging from late numbers of the Collector's Companion I'd be ashamed to even have my name on its subscription list, wouldn't you?

The U. S. 50c '79 due stamp is being much advertised at bargain prices ranging from face value to two-thirds of its catalogue value of $2.50.

Poor Keokuk Carter has our sympathy, for since Robie has dropped out of the stamp business its probable Osgood will pay considerable attention to Carter.

Give thanks! There will be no discussion as to the spelling on the surcharged revenues for the new United States colony, for they will bear only the initials P. R.

The country that cant' put out an issue this year must have something the matter with it, for it seems as if all have been guilty to some extent.

The stamp war tax laws in the U. S. may be repealed. The repealing would make some of the odd value revenue stamps comparatively rare.

Those persons who were worrying about there being no plate numbers on the U. S. stamp bookle s can set their minds at rest, for an ardent collector discovered some.

Don't you think it shows considerable egotism ior a writer to head his notes "Interesting Paragraphs?" In a recent issue of a stamp paper that was the title given to some notes.

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